

Chapter 1

BENT CORYDON

Bent Corydon is a former member of the Church of Scientology who ran a Scientology parish in Riverside, California.

In the late 1970s, the Church withdrew Corydon's authorization to run the parish due to his criminal behavior acts contrary to the ethical and moral standards of the Church. Corydon was later excommunicated from the Church for these actions.

Corydon misused his position as the head of this parish despite the trust placed in him by the Church. He appropriated Church members' donations and used this money for personal enrichment, including:

- o Purchasing three Cougar cars and a Mercedes Benz for self and his wife, as well as the maintenance and insurance for these cars,
- o Hiring staff of his parish to do architectural design and construction work on his house,
- o Buying stereos, exercise equipment, personal library books, and numerous household goods,
- o Financing expensive vacations, including trips to New Zealand, Hawaii, Greece, England, Denmark, Holland, and Paris.

Corydon was also later arrested in connection with a series of extensive bank fraud schemes perpetrated at his parish. These were fraudulent loan applications made in an attempt to obtain funds from parishioners. In a 1981 sworn affidavit, Bent admitted that the fraud schemes had indeed been carried out and that he was responsible for them, since they occurred in the parish under his control.

Corydon was also charged with "assault with a deadly weapon" after attempting to drive his car over the sheriff who came to arrest him for the loan frauds. Bent Corydon's so-called biography is just a continuation of the same kind of fraud.

In the early 1970s, Bent Corydon saw L. Ron Hubbard a couple of times at a distance and once said "hello" in passing. He has had no other contact with Mr. Hubbard and has no first-hand knowledge about his life.

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he was operating as an undercover agent... sent in to investigate and possibly disrupt the operation. Among the people living in the Abbey of Thelema, there were a number of artists in sensitive government-related projects. If such was the role Hubbard was playing, he was successful to some extent. His actions depleted the OTO treasury and Parsons, financially neither ever recovered."

The painting of this false picture of Mr. Hubbard's actual involvement with the OTO and the stringing of a relationship between Scientology and "black magic" has been attempted before.

In 1969, the Church of Scientology sued the London Sunday Express over an article on this subject, which resulted in the Express retracting their earlier article and printing the true story.

In 1971, the Church of Scientology sued the author, publisher and printer of a biography of Aleister Crowley titled "The Great Beast."

The author of the work, a defendant in this suit, purported to connect the principles of Scientology propounded by Mr. Hubbard, with the tenets of black magic as used by Crowley."

After being presented with the facts of the matter, however, all defendants accepted "that there is no basis in fact for such an allegation..."

J. Gordon Melton also states in his earlier-mentioned work:

"Since Hubbard's involvement with this incident has also been used to discredit the Church of Scientology that he founded, we should also note that the Church's teachings are not magical and show no connection with the OTO or its beliefs and practices."

Although the truth of this allegation concerning Hubbard's involvement with Jack Parsons and the OTO has been a matter of record for nearly two decades, Corydon has failed to include it, as it did not align with the false picture he has chosen to portray.

In contrast to Corydon's flagrant omission of the facts, Margaret Percy of BBC radio in England took the time to document the truth of Mr. Hubbard's involvement with Jack Parsons and OTO..

In a radio broadcast in the fall of 1987, Ms. Percy included excerpts from an interview with Jack Parsons' widow,

In his 1987 tape, Jon Zegel quotes the legal record:

"The Court did not find the testimony of David Mayo credible on the issue of how he and the Advanced Ability Center came to have in their possession the documents in question in this lawsuit. The Court does not believe that anyone, even Mr. Mayo, could have reproduced from memory materials substantially identical to those stolen in Denmark from the Church. The documents are too voluminous, too detailed and too nearly identical in substance and wording to have been created by Mr. Mayo without reference to the stolen documents."

(See also the chapter on David Mayo for further documentation on the theft.)

Zegel relates other questionable activities on the part of David Mayo including the following:

"The moment the cash started to dwindle at the AAC [Mayo's "Advanced Ability Center"] it closed up. It makes one wonder about the secret bank account in Lichtenstein that David went to after the AAC closed. My attorney told me about it. We don't know how much he took out of the country but it doesn't make sense to fly to Europe to make a \$500 deposit."

In his book, Corydon heavily quotes accusations about L. Ron Hubbard and the Church of Scientology made by Zegel in his previous tapes.

Zegel recanted these earlier statements after doing some actual research on the Church and Mr. Hubbard. What he found surprised him.

In relation to previous statements made about supposed financial improprieties on the part of Mr. Hubbard, Zegel states:

"...try as I might during this recent investigation, I could find no evidence of financial impropriety. Even [L. Ron Hubbard's] will -- which I had the opportunity to read -- and according to all accounts I could find, provided for his family, and everything else went to the Church. Sorry -- clean as a whistle."

In a previous tape, Zegel had said that Mr. Hubbard was an unindicted co-conspirator in a federal court case involving members of the Church of Scientology, and that Mr. Hubbard was also indicted by a grand jury in Tampa, Florida.

"Both of those stories turned out to be false," Zegel states on his recent tape. "And the truth is right there in

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HOMER SCHOMER

Homer Schomer is a good example of the discreditable sources Corydon used for his book.

Schomer, a former Scientologist and staff member, was shown to be a liar during his testimony in a court case between the Church of Scientology and Julie Christofferson in 1985.

Homer had testified in 1984 in a court case brought by the Church of Scientology against Gerald Armstrong (a former staff member who had stolen valuable documents from Church archives).

In the Christofferson case, Schomer admitted to having committed perjury in the previous Armstrong case.

In 1984, Schomer also attempted to extort money from the Church of Scientology. In sworn affidavits, two Church staff members testified that when they met with Schomer in his own home in an attempt to help him reconcile his differences with the Church, Schomer offered to "stay quiet" about information that he felt could be damaging to the Church, if the Church paid him the exorbitant sum of \$200,000.00.

Schomer was also involved in passing stolen sacred and confidential Church scriptures to the Los Angeles law firm of Charles O'Reilly, an attorney who has been involved in extensive litigation against the Church. In a hearing in a related matter, it was clearly shown that Schomer had provided copies of the stolen materials to O'Reilly's firm.

The materials were originally stolen in Denmark by an apostate member of the Church and were then disseminated to the United States.

In the above-mentioned hearing, the judge precluded any further use and dissemination of the stolen Church scriptures. (See chapter entitled "David Mayo.")

Schomer's record as a liar, extortionist and thief has been disregarded by Corydon, who apparently could find no better "sources" for his book.

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GREATER THAN THE INVENTION OF THE WHEEL

Corydon incorrectly attributed the quote that the creation of Dianetics was "comparable to the discovery of fire greater than the invention of the wheel" to L. Ron Hubbard.

This and similar quotes have been published in so many places in Dianetics promotional materials that it is difficult to believe that a former Scientologist could be unaware of the actual source of such quotes.

The quote that Dianetics "will prove to be as revolutionary for humanity as the first caveman's discovery of utilization of fire" first appeared in columnist Walter Winchell's commentary on Dianetics which ran in the press in 1950. Winchell was referring to the upcoming publication of Dianetics, the Modern Science of Mental Health."

In the introduction to the earlier editions of Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health," Dr. J. A. Sanders stated:

"The creator of a New Idea asks, 'What would happen if I assume that this belief which everyone has had for centuries isn't necessarily so?'

"The primitive man who invented the wheel did just that. His fellows assumed that, when one wanted to transport an object, it had to be carried or dragged along the ground. The inventor changed the assumption -- and the wheel was born....

"So it is with DIANETICS...."

As well, the publisher's synopsis at the beginning of the earlier editions of "Dianetics: The Modern Science of Mental Health" stated:

"The creation of Dianetics is a milestone for Man comparable to his discovery of fire and superior to his inventions of the wheel and arch."

L. Ron Hubbard did not write this synopsis, nor did he ever make such a statement.

COMBAT IN WORLD WAR II

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Chapter 14

REHABILITATION PROJECT FORCE

Corydon devotes a chapter in his book to the Church of Scientology's Rehabilitation Project Force (RPF). In this chapter, he includes such statements as the claim that individuals on the RPF are "slaves who eat scraps" and have the look of hunted animals."

This perhaps would be a fine piece of sensational writing for the National Enquirer, but such a description of the Rehabilitation Project Force is a complete fabrication.

Corydon has used a description of the RPF provided by Gerry Armstrong, among others. Armstrong's description in his book, however, is completely contrary to his own previous sworn affidavit about the RPF.

(Gerry Armstrong's description of the RPF in Corydon's book can also be viewed in light of Armstrong's numerous false claims and lies on other subject matters. See chapter on Corydon as an "author" for further information on Gerry Armstrong's incompetence as a researcher.)

The Rehabilitation Project Force, as its name indicates, is a program with the purpose of rehabilitating individuals.

It is not uncommon for executives in high-pressure jobs in the business world to suffer from "burnout" and be totally unable to continue with their jobs. In the Sea Organization, if an individual is unable to keep up with the demands of his job or if he continually transgresses against the policies of his group, steps are taken to help the person so that he again becomes a contributing member of his organization. There are many different actions and programs which aide a Church staff member in this way. One of these is the Rehabilitation Project Force.

Individuals who go to the RPF do so of their own free will. If someone chooses not to do the RPF, he is free to leave. The fact is that those who are desirous of working in the Church and are interested in improving themselves (which is the very essence of what Scientology is all about), join the Rehabilitation Project Force by their own choice.

Individuals on the Rehabilitation Project Force receive extensive spiritual reward. In exchange, they do work such as landscaping, building renovations and so forth.

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